

The Hongkong Telegraph.



No. 362.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

EXTRACT FROM
"CHAMBERS' JOURNAL,"
26TH AUGUST, 1882.

AN Exhibit at the Exhibition of "Means and Appliances for the protection of Human Life" which appeared to have the merit of novelty as well as efficiency, was that consisting of LIFE SAVING GARMENTS. Most Dresses of this kind are of a cumbersome and unsightly description, such Garments in fact as no one would from choice carry about with him. But here we saw GREAT COATS, LADIES' JACKETS, &c., cut in the latest Fashion too, so skillfully furnished in the Linings with little Cylinders of Cork, that their presence was quite undetected until pointed out.

People in the habit of Yachting or who are engaged in an occupation which brings them into daily chance of falling into the water would do well to make further enquiries relative to this useful adaptation of the life-belt principle. The Manufacturers are Messrs. WENTWORTH & Co., of 12, Museum Street, London, W.C.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG,
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
who have a large assortment of these LIFE SAVING GARMENTS FOR SALE.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1883. [296]

Insurances.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £1,420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE £1,320,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £1,320,000.00

TOTAL CAPITAL AND
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th
May, 1882..... £1,420,000.00

DIRECTORS.
H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINCKVOSS, Esq., Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.,
A. M. INVERARITY, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN
SHIPPING.
Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

GENERAL NOTICE.
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL £333,333.33.
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., [LEE YAT LAU, Esq.,
YO YOK MOON, Esq., CHU CHEE NUNG, Esq.,
MANAGER—HO ANEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

Intimations.

J. M. GUEDES,
HOUSE AND LAND BROKER,
AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION
AGENT.
No. 33, WILKINSON STREET, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [15]

F. D. GUEDES,
WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL
COMMISSION AGENT.
No. 5, D'ARVILLE STREET.

HAS always on hand a large assortment of
CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at
Moderate Prices.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [64]

G. FALCONER & CO.
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS.
AND
JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHARTS AND BOOKS.
No. 44, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [124]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from Inspector CLEAVER to Sell by Public
Auction, at his Residence, No. 24, Elgin
Street,

TO-MORROW,
the 29th day of March, 1883, at TWO P.M.,
THE WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Consisting of—
DRAWING, DINING, and BED ROOM
SUITES.

TERMS—Cash.
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1883. [223]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions
from W. GILLES, Esq., to Sell by Public
Auction, at his Residence, No. 129, Spring
Gardens (Queen's Road East), on

FRIDAY,
the 30th day of March, 1883, at TWO P.M.,
THE WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Consisting of—
DINING, DRAWING, and BED ROOM
SUITES.
A COTTAGE PIANO.
Also,
Complete OUTFITS for PHOTOGRAPHERS,
from Ross, Dallmeyer, Salomon, Voighlander,
Mayer, and Elliot.

TERMS—Cash.
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 22nd March 1883. [224]

NOTICE.
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

DURING my absence Mr. STEWART
MUNN MCLEISH will SIGN my Name
Per Procuration. Wm. CRUICKSHANK.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1883. [232]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION
AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH
COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. WILLIAM BULLARD is appointed
to Act as SUPERINTENDENT at this
Station from TO-DAY.
By Order,
J. ENSTON SQUIER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1883. [227]

NOTICE.
THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr.
HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE and
Mr. JOHN GORDON TALBOT HASSELL in
Our Firm has Canceled and it is Closed in
Hongkong from This Date, Mr. DALRYMPLE being
Authorized to Sign "In Liquidation in
Hongkong."

1st March, 1883.
BIRLEY & Co.

MR. KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and
Mr. JAMES LYON PLAYFAIR SANDERSON
are This Day admitted PARTNERS
in Our Firms at Canton and Foochow.
1st March, 1883.
BIRLEY & Co.

MR. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE
Acts as Correspondent of Messrs. BIRLEY
& Co. here, and has commenced Business under
the style of
BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [169]

NOTICE.
WE have authorized Mr. FRIEDRICH
HEINRICH HOHNKE to sign our
Firm from this date.
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1883. [201]

TO LET.
A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms)
in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas
and Water laid on; and immediate possession
can be had.
For Particulars apply to
D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [18]

TO LET.
THE UPPER FLOOR of No. 8, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for DWELLING
or OFFICE. Rent \$55.
Also,
OFFICE ON QUEEN'S ROAD.
Apply to
J. G. SMITH & Co.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1883. [217]

TO LET.
NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET,
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.
No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [17]

GUEDES & CO.
PRINTERS, STATIONERS, AND
BOOKBINDERS.
D'ARVILLE STREET.

EVERY KIND OF WORK EXECUTED WITH
ACCURACY, NEATNESS, AND DESPATCH
ON
VERY MODERATE TERMS.

SELECTED MATERIALS FOR
MARKET REPORTS
Book-binding and Ruling in every style executed
at low rates. Workmanship Guaranteed.
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1882. [6]

Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING OUR STOCK TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW GOODS
WE ARE OFFERING FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

FANCY CHECKED DRESS MATERIALS.....@ 15c PER YARD USUAL PRICE 25c.
INVISIBLE CHECKED Do.....@ 15c do do do 25c.
POMPADOUR DELAINES Do.....@ 20c do do do 30c.
ROUGH & READY SERGES Do.....@ 20c do do do 30c.
CHECKED MOHAIRS Do.....@ 30c do do do 45c.
TERRA COTTA & OTHER STRIPED SATINETTES.....@ 50c do do do 75c.
FANCY VELVETEENS.....@ 35c do do do 50c.

ALSO
LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.25 PER PAIR do \$2.50.
LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.50 do do \$3.00.
LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.75 do do \$3.50.
N.B.—JUST OPENED A CASE OF ATKINSON'S SCENTS.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.
SAYLE & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG. [659]

Hongkong, 6th February, 1883.

"NOVELTY STORE."
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

SELLING OFF CHEAP.
NO SUCH OPPORTUNITY EVER OFFERED BEFORE.

FOR ONE MONTH ONLY from This Date, all the BOOKS in this "STORE" including
those which may arrive during the month, will be disposed of at Published Prices, Charging
Extra only the actual expenses incurred, such as freight, insurance, &c., at current rate of
exchange.

To avoid confusion, all the BOOKS selected shall not be delivered but forwarded together
with a Memo of cost which if not approved, the BOOKS may be returned.

Also,
"KAISAR-I-HIND" CIGARETTES are now offered at 80 Cents per 100, in Handsome
Crystallized Tin Boxes, for the above period only.

TERMS, CASH ONLY.
S. MEYERS,
MANAGER.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1883. [28]

W. BREWER.
HAS JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING
NEW AND IMPORTANT BOOKS.

Seeborn's Siberia in Asia.
Ledges's The Sun and its Planets.
Prof. Seeley's Natural Religion.
Froude's Short Studies, 4th vol.
Wilson's Chapters on Evolution.
Crane's Art and Taste.
Ruff's Guide to the Turf.
Famous Racing Men.
Mongredien's Wealth Creation.
Williams's Science in Short Chapters.
Turner's Studies in Russian Literature.
Hudson's Scamper through America.

JUVENILE BOOKS IN GREAT VARIETY.
PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS FOR CABINETS ONLY.
W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD. [703]

Hongkong, 12th March, 1883.

For Sale.
NOTICE.
SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!!
SELLING OFF!!!
AT CONSIDERABLY UNDER COST.

OUR Entire Stock of MILLINERY and
DRESSING GOODS.
OPERA and EVENING CLOAKS, BALL
DRESSES and COSTUMES, SILK & SATIN
per Yard.
LADY'S CHEMISES and GOWNS, LINEN,
MERINO, and COTTON STOCKINGS and
SOCKS.
LINEN, LACE, and MUSLIN HANDKER-
CHIEFS, FICHUS, SILK and LACE CRA-
VATS, CORSETS, FRILLINGS and TRIM-
MINGS, BUTTONS, &c., &c.
LADY'S and CHILDREN'S HATS and
BONNETS.

FOR CASH.
E. CA DA SILVA & Co.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1883. [233]

FOR SALE.
G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.
QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.
PINTS.....\$23 per Case.
Apply to
MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [18]

FOR SALE CHEAP.
SEVERAL GOOD PONIES, suitable for
Hack, Carriage Ponies or Jumpers.
Apply to
R. FRASER-SMITH,
Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1883.

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND
PORTER.
DAVID CORSAIR & SONS'
MERCHANT NAVY
NAVY BOILED
LONG FLAK
CROWN
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

C. L. THEVENIN.
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.
HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDINGS.

HAS FOR SALE.
A FINE ASSORTMENT OF WHITE AND RED
BURGUINDIES
AT MODERATE PRICES.
A Capital AMONTILLADO SHERRY.
Assorted LIQUEURS of the best quality.
BON BONS, FRENCH PRESERVES,
FRENCH BUTTER and CHEESE by Every
French Mail, PERFUMERY, &c., &c.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [6]

WANTED.
A SITUATION as CLERK, BOOK-
KEEPER, or GENERAL ASSISTANT,
by a young man who has had ten years experience
in China and Japan. Speaks French, English,
German, Italian and Japanese. Moderate Sal-
ary required. First-class references.
Apply to
B. C. A.,
care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1883. [139]

INTIMATION.
SIGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the
CONSERVATOIRE DE BERGAMO and late of
the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY has
the honor to inform the community that he has
arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give
lessons in Music, Singing and the Piano-forte.
CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.
Address—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [168]

INTIMATION.
SIGNOR GIUSEPPE PENATI, certificated
Professor of Music of the REGGIO CON-
SERVATORIO DI MILANO, and Resident in
Hongkong for over 7 years, gives lessons in
Music, Piano, Harmony and Singing.
Signor PENATI is open for engagements as
Pianist at Private Dancing Parties.
CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.
Address—No. 8, PEEL STREET.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1883. [185]

MR. MOORE begs to recommend his
GOGO SHAMPOO WASH
to the public as unrivalled by any preparation
ever produced for promoting the growth
of the hair. The basis of this compound is
made of soap root, the natives of the Philip-
pines, and never use anything else for
washing their hair; they are never found bald,
and it is quite common to see the females with
hair from 5 to 6 feet long. By constantly using
this Shampoo Wash as directed, you will
NEVER BE BALD.
The proprietor offers the Wash to the public
entirely confident that by its restorative
properties it will without fail arrest decaying
hair, it completely eradicates scurf, dandruff,
and cures all diseases of the scalp. It does not
contain any poisonous drugs. By its cooling
properties it allays the itching and fever of the
scalp, which is the great cause of people losing
their hair.
Mr. MOORE has succeeded in being able to
put this wash up in bottles without allowing it to
separate, and he will guarantee it to keep any
length of time in any climate.
FOR SALE ONLY BY MOORE & Co.,
VARIETY STORE,
Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 15th January, 1883. [19]

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
UNDER DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE.

ON
TUESDAY, the 3rd April, 1883.

THE OFFICERS OF "THE BUFFS"
ASSISTED BY
LADY AMATEURS
WILL PLAY
CHARLES SMITH CHELTENAM'S
COMEDY IN THREE ACTS, ENTITLED
"A LESSON IN LOVE."

ORLANDO MIDDLEMARK.....Mr. B. HOLME.
Capt. FREEMAN.....Capt. NEWNHAM DAVIS.
BARBLEBROOK.....Mr. H. SOMERSET.
Mrs. SUTHERLAND.....Mrs. BERNARD.
Miss LESLIE.....Mrs. WOODBINE.
Miss ANASTASIA WINTER.....Mme. CHERVAU.
BERRY.....

The String Band of the Regiment will play
between the Acts.

The Proceeds of this Performance will be
Divided amongst the Local Charities.

PRICE OF ADMISSION:
Stalls and Dress Circle.....\$2.
Pit.....\$1.

Doors open at 8.30, to commence at 9.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs. KELLY &
WALSH's commencing at 8 A.M., WEDNESDAY,
the 27th instant.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1883. [228]

Intimations.

DRESSMAKER WANTED FOR
SINGAPORE.

REQUIRED TO ATTEND IN
SHOWROOM.
LONDON HAND PREFERRED.
Apply to
ROBINSON & Co.
Singapore, March 17th, 1883. [231]

THE Undersigned begs to respectfully inform
the Public of Hongkong that on and after
the 1st of April Next, SIGNING "CHITS"
FOR ATTENDANCE in his Establishment will
be ABOLISHED.

Residents desirous of becoming MONTHLY
SUBSCRIBERS can register their Names on
any Date at a MODERATE CHARGE.
J. P. MARMANDE,
Hair Dressing Saloon,
HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1883. [221]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are
requested to send in a Statement of Business
Contributed during the half year ended
December 31st, 1882, on or before March 31st,
on which date the accounts will be Closed.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1883. [188]

NOTICE.
THE GOLDEN SCISSOR,
No. 13, POTTINGER STREET.

A. M. ROBIN
(LATE OF T. M. LAWSON'S, CALCUTTA).
TAILOR, Shirt and Breeches Maker and
General Outfitter. Mr. ROBIN invites
Public Patronage and guarantees a perfect fit at
Moderate Charges.
N.B.—Note the address.
THE GOLDEN SCISSOR,
No. 13, Pottinger Street.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1883. [234]

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER-
LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, AND
SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF TOKIO,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama and Honolulu, on SATURDAY, the
14th April, at THREE P.M., taking Passengers
and Freight for Japan, Honolulu, the United
States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama, and other Japan Ports,
to Honolulu, San Francisco, and Atlantic
United Cities of the United States, via Overland
Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara,
and to ports in Mexico, Central and South
America, by the Company's and connecting
Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES—Passengers who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Fran-
cisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within
six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per
cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within
one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be
made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return
Passage Orders, available for one year, will be
issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return
Fare. These allowances do not apply to through
fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M.
on the 14th April. Parcels and Packages will
be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day;
all Parcel Packages should be marked to ad-
dress in full value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in
San Francisco, addressed to the Collector of
Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

ROBINSON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1883. [19]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR MANILA AND CEBU.
THE Steamship
"MINDANAO,"
Captain Tremoya, will be despatched as above,
TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at FOUR P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DUNN, MELBYE & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1883. [226]

U N I O N L I N E
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"STRATHLEVEN,"
Captain Pearson, will be despatched for the
above Port, on or about the 31st instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1883. [215]

FOR YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship
"LORD OF THE ISLES,"
Captain Felgate, due, on or about the 1st April,
will have immediate despatch for the above Port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1883. [229]

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at Port Darwin, Thursday Island,
Cooktown, Townsville, and Brisbane.)
Taking through Cargo to
NEW ZEALAND and Fiji.)
THE Steamship
"EUXINE,"
Captain J. B. Peters, will be despatched as
above, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th April, at
FOUR P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1883. [194]

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE
DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.
FRAISSINET & Co.
INDIA AND CHINA LINE.

THE Splendid New 100 A1 Steamship
"GOLCONDE,"
Andrac, Commander, will sail on or about the
18th proximo, for MARSEILLES, VIA SAIGON,
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, and SUEZ,
and will leave to call at PENANG and
TUTICORIN. In connection with these
Steamers the Company runs a Line from
MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON,
leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the
Steamer from CHINA.

The Company also runs Steamers regularly
from MARSEILLES to numerous Ports in the
MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA, by
which through freight may be booked.

The Company has a Forwarding Agency at
Paris, 9, Rue de Rougemont, giving special
facilities to Shippers.

This Steamer is excellently fitted for Pas-
sengers, to whose comfort and accommodation
Special care is given; a liberal table is kept.
Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.
FIRST-CLASS FARE TO MARSEILLES.....\$300.
SECOND-CLASS FARE TO MARSEILLES.....\$240.

RETURN TICKETS are now granted by
the Steamers of this line from HONG-
KONG to MARSEILLES and BACK, avail-
able for the undermentioned periods, to be
reckoned from the date of arrival at Marseilles
of the Steamer for which the Ticket is issued to
the date of re-embarkation there of the Holder
of the Ticket.

1st CLASS. 2nd CLASS.
6 Months.....\$120.....\$40.
12.....\$150.....\$45.
Special rates are arranged for families.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1883. [189]

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
THE Steamship
"PICCIOLA,"
will be despatched for the above Ports, on
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, the 21st April, at
Five o'clock.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AH YON & Co.,
80, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1883. [230]

FOR VICTORIA B.C.
THE 3/3 L. I. L. Norwegian Barkentine
"PROFESSOR NORDENSKJOLD,"
Jensen, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 26th February, 1883. [159]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO,
THE 3/3 L. I. L. American Ship
"B. P. CHENEY,"
Humphrey, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1883. [155]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO,
THE 3/3 L. I. L. American Ship
"WANDERING JEW,"
Talpey, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1883. [218]

FOR NEW YORK.
THE American Bark
"C. B. HAZLETINE,"
Gilecy, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1883. [191]

FOR NEW YORK.
THE American Ship
"MARY WHITRIDGE,"
Freeman, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1883. [211]

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES,
PERFUMERS,
IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS
OF

MANILA CIGARS,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
AND
MANUFACTURERS
OF

AERATED WATERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1847.

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY,
24, NANKIN ROAD, SHANGHAI.

BOTICA INGLESA,
14, ESCOLTA, MANILA.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON.

THE DISPENSARY, FOCHOW. 13

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It is not a little surprising, says the San Francisco *Alta*, that the proposition to pass a bill at this session of the Legislature to license gambling, should elicit approving comments. It is only to be accounted for on the hypothesis that some people are always anxious for a change, and care little what the change is. If gambling were legal, these persons who are now willing to make it so, would be among the first to try to bring it under the ban of the law. The only argument of which the case will admit in favor of licensing gambling is the old one, that the laws against it are not enforced. It is true they are not as efficiently enforced as they should be, but it cannot be admitted that this is a sufficient argument for the repeal of the law, for if that test should be applied to the whole statute book the laws that would not be obliterated are few and far between. The law against gambling is like that providing penalties for theft. Neither is always enforced, but the instances in which they are enforced exercise a certain degree of deterrent effect, and that is so much clear gain. Nobody can make a sensible man believe that there would be less gambling if it were not prohibited, nor would its effect be less demoralizing and vicious. To say that if gambling were made free by law it would be conducted on the square, is sheer fudge. The State could not employ an expert to watch every game and see that it was fairly played, and if it did, nine times out of ten he could not tell whether the play was fair or not. So long as there are gudgeons there will be sharper, and the latter will not be reformed by "recognizing" them and legalizing their trade. But the strong argument against the license proposition is that, phrase it as you will, there is a certain effect in a law pronouncing a practice illegal, whether it is rigidly enforced or not. To give gambling legality and respectability would almost certainly make it more common and fashionable. It is sometimes said that if people are compelled to go up dark stairways and through obscure passage ways to find a gambling game, they will engage in the sport more than if it were public; but to assert such a thing is contrary to all experience. No known class of traffickers find that it increases their sales to keep their wares concealed; so that the purchaser needs to make a vigorous hunt to find them. At least, we never heard of a merchant that adopted that policy to improve his trade.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, March 27th.

SERIOUS TROUBLES EXPECTED AT THE CAPE.

The Cape Government has decided to act vigorously in, Tembuland as serious troubles are feared.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Hongkong Choral Society has arranged to give an Invitation Concert in the St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, on Friday, April 6th, at 9 p.m.

THE German corvette *Storch* went up the Canton River yesterday morning. She will probably lie at anchor off the Bogue Forts for the next eight days, to clean her bottom in the fresh water before proceeding to sea.

SAVS the *Foochow Herald* of the 22nd inst.:—During the severe wind on Tuesday afternoon last, a Chinese passenger boat, on its passage between Foochow and Pagoda Anchorage, was suddenly capsized and thirty-seven out of forty passengers drowned.

H.M.S. *Vigilant*, with Admiral Willea, and the Captains of all Her Majesty's ships in port on board, left the harbour this morning through the Lyceum Pass. The *Audacious* is out at Mira Bay for the purpose of trying some very interesting torpedo experiments, in addition to the usual target practice, and the Commander-in-Chief has gone out to direct operations. The *Vigilant* will probably return to her moorings this evening.

SAVS the Hampshire Telegraph of February 14th:—The *Sapphire*'s stability did not satisfy the officer from the Admiralty, who inclined her a week or two since, and consequently she was taken into the basin at Keyham on Saturday, where she is to ship 30 tons of iron ballast. This is to be stowed in the screw alley and underneath the coal boxes in the bunker passage. It is then believed the stability of the ship will be assured. The present arrangements are that the *Sapphire* is to start on Sunday next for the China Station to relieve the *Encounter*.

THE *London Gazette* of the 13th ult. announces that the Queen has signified her intention to confer the Victoria Cross upon Lieutenant William Mordaunt Marsh Edwards, 2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry, for conspicuous bravery displayed by him during the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, in leading a party of Highland Light Infantry to storm a redoubt. Lieutenant Edwards, who was in advance of his party, with great gallantry rushed alone into the battery, killed the artillery officer in charge, and was himself knocked down by a gunner with a ramrod, and only rescued by the timely arrival of three men of his regiment.

WE (*Foochow Herald*) regret to find that the Seamen's Church at Pagoda Anchorage is in such a dilapidated condition, occasioned by storms and floods, as to necessitate the calling of a public meeting to take into consideration the question of repairs. The meeting is convened for Monday next the 26th inst., and we hope to be eventually in a position to report that the necessary repairs have been effected. Although the Church cannot boast of very large congregations, still we feel sure that the Pagoda community would not desire to see their holy edifice go to utter ruin, or the graves, in which they have beheaded loved ones "quietly inured," exposed to the ravages of the natives, and the violence of the elements, for the want of a substantial wall to surround the premises.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Daily News* at Cannes sends an account of an interview which M. Clémenceau, the leader of the French Radicals in the Chamber, has had with Mr. Gladstone at the Chateau de St. Germain. In the course of conversation the subject of decentralisation was touched upon. Mr. Gladstone, addressing M. Clémenceau with intense earnestness, said:—"The curse of Ireland has been centralisation. What I hope and desire, what I labour for, and have above all things at heart, is to decentralise administrative authority here. We have disestablished the Church, relieved the tenant class of many grievances; we are now trying to produce a state of things which will make the humblest Irishman realise that he is a governing agency, and that the Government is to be carried on by him and for him."

ACCORDING to the *Gazette* the following charters were effected in Amoy during the fortnight ended the 20th inst.:—*Omega*, 12,000 peculs, Takao to Melbourne, private terms; *Ceres*, 11,600 peculs, Takao to Melbourne, private terms; *Tuluu*, 12,000 peculs, Chefoo to Amoy, 25 lay days, 15 cents per pecul; *Guiding Star*, 7,200 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 20 lay days, 24 cents per pecul; *Erwit*, 8,500 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 22 lay days, 24 cents per pecul; *Frans* & *Amada*, 9,500 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 25 lay days, 20 cents per pecul; *Pallan*, 11,500 peculs, Taiwanfoo to New York, private terms; *Magenta*, 8,200 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy 18 lay days, \$1,800; *Emma*, 5,500 peculs, Nagasaki to Amoy, 18 lay days, \$825; *Wagrin*, 4,600 peculs, Whampoa, Tientsin, Newchwang and Hongkong, 25 lay days, 60 cents per pecul.

MR. JAMES QUINN, hailing from "the land where the prattles grow," by profession "a toiler on the sea," and by inclination what our Yankee friends call "a drunk," had a short interview with Capt. Thomsett at the Police Court this morning. The trouble was not very serious. It appears that James, being at present out of regular employment, occupied a greater portion of yesterday in imbibing fire-water, with the result that Novanger Singh, P.C. 540, found him "like a drunken sailor taking his rest" in the gutter, utterly incapable at 9.30 p.m. The valiant Punjabi theupon ran Mr. Quinn in to the Central Station, where a night's comfortable lodging was provided at Government expense. When catechised by the worthy magistrate, James admitted the soft impeachment, and as he was unable to *ant* up the dollar, Captain Thomsett imposed as a fine for his *lapse*, there will be no *leaser* the fewer in our streets during the next seven days.

AN Emergency Lodge of St. John, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Friday, the 30th inst., at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren will be made cordially welcome.

THE Boys Athletic Sports were commenced in favorable weather on the Cricket Ground this afternoon, and are still proceeding as we go to press. Our usual detailed report will appear in to-morrow's issue.

THE four Portuguese lads who were charged at the Police Court yesterday with having assaulted a Chinese hawker on Saturday last, were again brought before Mr. Wodehouse this morning, when the case was dismissed.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.), that the Eastern and Australian Steamship Co.'s steamer *Minimur* left Port Darwin for Hongkong on the 27th inst., and is due here on or about the 6th April.

PATRICK SHAW, a Scotsman, and George Deacon, a native of England, were brought before Capt. Thomsett at the Police Court this morning on a charge of having deserted from H.M.S. *Exultant* at Sydney, New South Wales, on the 7th of January. The men, who had given themselves up to the police, admitted the charge, and the case was remanded until the 4th April to allow the Naval authorities to be communicated with.

By a special ukase, signed by the Emperor of Russia on New Year's Day (Old Style), the pay of most of the officials connected with the Naval service at Cronstadt has been raised from 10 to 50 per cent., while the pay of a large number of subordinate officers has been doubled. Although rumours of the intention of the Government had been prevalent some time, the measure was, to a large extent, unexpected, and consequently when a special courier arrived with the order and the Governor announced it at once, universal jubilation prevailed throughout Cronstadt the rest of the day.

MR. MAXWELL HERON, late Commander of Her Majesty's ship *Clyde*, on whom a Court-martial was held at Portsmouth in December last, has, the *Morning Post* says, submitted to the Lords of the Admiralty a sworn statement of facts and circumstances bearing on the case, with a view of inducing their Lordships to reconsider it. The application has, however, been refused, and Mr. Maxwell Heron intends, we understand, to make the statement public, and also to have the case brought under the notice of the House of Commons at the earliest possible moment. The late Commander of the *Clyde* is a brother of Sir John Maxwell Heron-Maxwell, member for Kirkcubrightshire.

As we (*Sportsman*) have said before, we have nothing to do with politics. We do not understand them, and we are heartily thankful that Providence has brought us to this state of salvation. Politics are evidently perplexing things. We wished, for instance, to learn something of the reception of Cetewayo in Zululand. We turn to our morning papers and are confronted with the following two readings of Zulu public opinion, presented simultaneously to the English reader by correspondents in Natal:

Times. All that transpires concerning the incidents of the restoration of Cetewayo shows that his prestige is effectually destroyed.

Daily News. The Zulus to a man are rejoiced at Cetewayo's return, and the King's influence over them is as great as ever.

Now, which of these two is the I—, legitimate story, we mean?

MR. CHUN ASAI, constructor of pedal ornaments, evidently is not a believer in the old saying that "there's nothing like leather." Mr. Chun Asai infinitely prefers silver, and doubtless he is not singular in that respect. However, this preference for the precious metal was the means of bringing the worthless shoemaker before the police magistrate this morning, on a charge of having stolen a silver band from the foot of a child in the public street. In the course of his peregrinations yesterday Mr. Chun Asai noticed this child playing in the street and was greatly struck with the beauty of the silver ornament she wore on one of her tiny ankles. Mr. Chun Asai is covetous; he is likewise artful. He made friends with the child by means of some cakes, and then under the pretence of admiring the bangle induced the little one to allow him to take it off her foot. After securing his plunder the wily Chun attempted to beat a rapid retreat; but the fates were against him. His little game had been "spotted," and he was unceremoniously collared and handed over to a lunko who escorted him to the Central Station, where he was searched and the bangle was found in his possession. Three months' hard labor in the "Retreat" will possibly convince Mr. Chun Asai that it would have been much better had he been satisfied to "suck to his last."

A CORRESPONDENT writes to *Truth*:—"When you refer to Mr. William Black, Mr. Payne, and Miss Braddon, as the best paid of modern authors of fiction, I suppose you refer to the writers of the present day, who regularly produce a novel every year—or even more frequently. The best prices received now for works of fiction are small compared with those of twenty years ago, which was the harvest time of novel writers. Mr. Arthur Trollope received more than \$500 for two of his principal novels written between 1860 and 1865. Mr. Wilkie Collins received five thousand guineas for 'Armada,' before a line of the book was written. George Eliot made over 15,000l. by one of her works, and there was not one by which she made less than \$500. Miss Braddon received very high prices for several of her earlier works. At the present time Mr. Wilkie Collins probably makes more money by his books, but then he only writes at the rate of one in two years and a half. Novel writers who are dissatisfied with their earnings may console themselves by remembering that 250l. was the highest price ever received by Miss Edgeworth for a tale; and that Sir Walter Scott only obtained 700l. for 'Waverley.' In the copyright of 'Evelina' Miss Burney was paid 20l."

It is rumoured, says the *Army and Navy Gazette*, that several Continental Naval Powers, who have for the last six or eight years been building their own torpedo boats, will shortly place some good orders with our well-known English builders, who will, however, do well to remember that these vessels will be used as "patterns" by foreign firms, though ordered by Government.

THE manufacture of guns at Woolwich seems to be rather a lightning-like performance according to one of the Indian officers who lately visited London, and who has been writing an account of the wonders he observed. He says, "On the 23rd we went to Woolwich Arsenal by rail and boat. In one moment (*yuk dam*)—this is not bad language, gentle reader, but simply the native tongue—they make a gun." Such a rate of speed in the manufacture of ordnance is appalling, but doubtless it was a "minute gun" the Indian saw.

It appears to us that there is a good deal of public money being wasted unnecessarily in widening Garden Road from the Horse Repository to St. Joseph's Chapel. So far as we can see, there is no necessity whatever for any such alterations as are being now carried out. Garden Road is already quite wide enough for all the traffic of the neighbourhood. We do not say that the road might not be greatly improved, and we at once admit that the alterations now in hand will be a great improvement, but we do say most emphatically that the money applied to a work which is not required, might with manifest advantage have been spent in effecting much needed alterations and repairs to thoroughfares in other parts of the colony. Mr. Price is no doubt an energetic Surveyor General, but he is also a most expensive one.

SECRET societies always have more or less attraction for youth, especially those who may have read "Quintin Matscy." A young glorio apprentice living at Frague, joined a secret society composed of apprentices, more terrible even than that of which Simon Tappertit was a shining light. It is not exactly clear what the objects sought to be achieved by this band of conspirators were, but assassination seems to have formed an important part of the scheme, and it fell to the lot of the young glorio to assassinate a police director or himself be shot. Not daring to face either alternative, he wrote a despairing letter to his mother, and hung himself in his bedroom. In the meanwhile the police director in question is doing his best to trace out the promising band of young savages to which this unfortunate young man belonged.

A SOCIETY journal tells the following amusing story:—The late Duke of A— was dining at a Highland anniversary dinner in full kilts, with his piper behind him. At dessert a very handsome and valuable snuff-box belonging to one of the guests was handed round. When the time came to return it to its owner, this snuff-box could nowhere be discovered. A search was made for it, but it could not be found. The duke was especially anxious about it, but with no result. On the anniversary coming round he again donned the kilts—which he had not worn in the meantime—for the annual dinner. As he was dressing he happened to put his hand into his sporran, and there, to his astonishment, found the box which had been lost at the last year's dinner. He turned to his piper and said, "Why, this is the snuff-box we were all looking for; did you not seem to put it away in my sporran?" "Yes, your grace," replied the piper, "I did, but I thought you wished to keep it."

"THE Grand Old Buffs" will, we understand, hold an athletic meeting on the Racecourse in the course of a week or two. This is unquestionably a step in the right direction; a departure from the old fashioned and fossilised order of things, so closely identified with the colony's existence, that merits commendation, and may lead to beneficial results in various ways. We shall have an opportunity of discussing the programme of "The Buffs" sports at another time; in the meantime we are glad to see the first step taken towards the very laudable purpose of making the Racecourse, what it is in every respect suited to become, the public recreation ground of the colony. Government has apparently a great deal of money to spend on official "fads"; we shall shortly see whether any public funds will be forthcoming for the public benefit in transforming what is at present a useless and not particularly healthy marsh into a recreation ground worthy of Hongkong. What does "the honourable the Surveyor-General" think?

WE regret to see that our Macao contemporaries, apparently, for interested motives, persist in misrepresenting the part played by the Colonial Secretary (Dr. Cortes-Reyl) in inducing the Lisbon Government to remove the ban which forbade Chinese emigration from the neighbouring port. The *Correio* even goes the length of saying that the "abrogation of the restrictions" affecting emigration from Macao was due to the exertions of Senhor Scaramichia. Of course this is as perfectly well known in Macao as well as at home, is not the case. The Deputy for Macao is a worthy man no doubt; but it is notorious that he possesses very little influence in the Cortes, nor has he at any time shown any particular interest for the welfare of the colony and constituents he is supposed to represent. If rumour speaks truly, Senhor Scaramichia's sole achievement in the cause of Macao since his election, has been to obtain a few paltry decorations for the gentlemen to whose special exertions he owes his seat. We may not altogether agree with the policy of the present Colonial Secretary, but it cannot be disputed that he has worked hard and conscientiously in various ways for the welfare of Macao, and he is certainly entitled to the credit of having, during the absence of Governor de Gouveia on a wild-goose expedition in Japan, persuaded the Lisbon authorities to abolish to some extent the prohibitive measures which have in the course of a few years reduced a once flourishing port to the condition of a city of the dead.

THE trial of Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., on a charge of seditious libel, ended on Feb. 10th in a disagreement of the jury, and they were discharged. As soon as the news of the result of the trial reached London Mr. Parnell despatched the following telegram to the new member for Mallow:—"I congratulate you most heartily upon your virtual acquittal, which is of the utmost importance to the cause of freedom of speech and writing in Ireland."

THE German Admiralty have supplied the Hotchkiss machine-gun to their vessels in the following proportion:—Ironclads and large corvettes, six guns each; sloops and gun-vessels, four each; and gunboats, one to four each, according to size and class. The arm adopted by the German Government is the 37-millimetre revolving cannon, both the German Admiralty and War Office preferring shell to the small solid projectile in use in our Navy. In fact, since the failure of the French Montigny in 1870, the Germans have an utter contempt for all kinds of mitrailleurs.

CAPTAIN John Abbott of the British barque *Star Queen* charged seven coolies, who had been employed on board his vessel, at the Magistracy this morning, with having made a slight mistake yesterday as to the meaning of the terms *meum* and *tuum* with regard to a couple of pieces of sandal wood valued at \$2 and \$5 respectively. After leaving work, the wood by some strange mischance got inside the coolie's clothes where it was "spotted" by the eagle eye of the jolly boson of the *Star Queen*. The Chinese gentlemen on being interrogated by Captain Thomsett, said that the pieces of wood were so small that they took them because they thought they were of no value. This yarn was rather too thin for an old salt like the Captain, and as the enterprising pilferers were not in a position to enrich the government exchequer, to the tune of ten dollars each, they were at once handed in to Mr. Hayward's model establishment, where for the next three months they can truthfully consider themselves in the government service.

A HOME paper states the Captain J. C. R. Colomb, late of the Royal Marine Artillery, read a very interesting and useful paper the other week at the Royal United Service Institution on the subject of "The Use and Application of the Marines, Past, Present, and Future," in which he deprecated, very justly, the practice which has grown up of late years of regarding the Marines as forming one of the main elements of the standing Reserves. The Marines in point of fact are one of the strongest elements in our present active service, and certainly while we use at least half the force constantly afloat, and the other half forming a portion of the garrison of our three most important seaport towns, it would be futile to call them a reserve force. To do so is in reality to count them twice over. Captain Colomb's principal proposal is that they should be utilized to form the crews of our mastless ironclads, that they should be changed frequently, and thus that the whole corps should be kept in a state of efficiency for service afloat. By this means he would make the Marines an efficient reserve of fighting men in war, and would provide a force of trained artillery and a body of infantry for armed merchant steamers. He would also plant them out as garrisons for the minor seaports, and use them as a nucleus for local colonial forces.

It must be a highly unpleasant thing, remarks a home contemporary, to return home and find oneself classed and written down as dead; in fact, to be looked upon officially and privately as a nasty unpleasant corpse. This experience has, however, fallen to the lot of a private in the Marines who was engaged in the Egyptian campaign. He was wounded in the chest by a splinter of a shell at Tel-el-Kebir, and left on the field for dead. He was, however, found, and subsequently removed to Cairo. When the roll of his company was called he was missing, and his name included in the list of dead. Quite ignorant of this fact, the wounded hero recovered strength, and was forwarded to Malta. From this place he was sent, with a number of other convalescents, to England, and so on to Chatham. On arriving there he was surprised to find that no one seemed very anxious to see him. One day he applied for his cash, but discovered that he had been marked off as dead. The officials were not disposed to alter things. There were the returns saying he was dead, and if he was not dead he certainly ought to be, as the returns could not be altered. In time, however, this poor fellow managed to prove his identity, and was sent off to Portsmouth.

ACCORDING to latest home news there seems to be a prevalent anti-British feeling at Constantinople, and its latest manifestation has led to a vigorous protest from Mr. Wyndham. Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Constantinople, Lord Wolverton's steam yacht *Santa Cecilia*, with a pleasure party on board, reached the Straits en route for Constantinople on the 24th inst. She was flying the white ensign of the British Navy. An official understanding had been come to between the Turkish and British Governments, some time ago, that all English yachts flying the white ensign, were to be allowed to pass the Dardanelles. But, under the pretext that the Artillery department had not been consulted respecting that arrangement, the *Santa Cecilia* was seized, and is still forcibly detained under the batteries in the Straits by the Turkish authorities. An appeal was made by Mr. Wyndham to the Turkish authorities, requesting that as the vessel was simply a pleasure yacht instructions should be given immediately to the officers at the Dardanelles to allow her to continue her voyage. An order for her passage was drawn up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and sent to the Grand Vizier for signature. He, however, returned the document having declined to sign it. The Grand Vizier of Artillery had not been consulted, and given his consent. The yacht remained at anchor, therefore, and Mr. Wyndham has declared that the Turkish Government has the intention of insulting both to the British and other foreign Embassies.

THE *Army and Navy Gazette* says:—The Admiralty would do well to explain why Commander W. F. S. Mann, who was appointed to the *Beacon* on August 7th, 1882, and who was walking on Southsea Beach on the day the battle of Tel-el-Kebir was fought, has been granted the 3rd Class of the Medjidie; and also, as we have before asked, why Lieutenant E. G. Festing, appointed to the *Decoy* on August 7th, has been granted the 4th Class of the Omani. These officers were not present during the war, yet have been decorated by the Khedive through Admiralty selection; while officers who really have rendered good service both to Egypt and to England have been passed over, even being refused field allowance when landed for duty.

SAVS the *Japan Mail* of the 10th inst.:—News from Shanghai is to the effect that in obedience to a telegram from His Excellency Li Hung-Chang, the Korean Special Mission was to start for Tientsin on Sunday, the 3rd inst. Both politically and financially the results of this Mission, so far as Shanghai is concerned, were nil. Its members even failed in their endeavour to induce some foreign firms to set up establishments at Fusan before the ratifications of the first treaty are exchanged. Nobody could be tempted to risk his dollars by an offer of land or of the right to import and export certain goods duty free. In Tientsin, the business of the Mission, will be with the Superintendent of Trade, with whom, rumour says, they propose to negotiate a loan of 2,300,000 dollars. The money is expected to come from the coffers of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, in which case another, and a very strong, rivet will be added to the chain by which Korea is gradually getting bound to China's feet. We learn also, but cannot vouch for the fact, that the Korean Government are willing to make new treaties with Western Powers, adding the privilege of travelling in the interior for business purposes, and taking part in the cabotage to the concessions already made. Any reduction of the import tariff is, however, declared to be out of the question, and having regard to the unfavorable reports on this subject submitted by the Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, it seems more than doubtful whether the English treaty will be ratified. Meanwhile, the organization of the Korean Customs is proceeded with, and it is expected that steps will soon be taken to procure the services of some foreigners for the principal posts.

THE *Daily News* says:—Our own temperance tracts are a rather one-sided form of literature. That pint of beer "which does not over-stimulate" does not invariably lead to an early and dishonoured grave. Perhaps we ought to make the same allowances for the Chinese temperance tracts which have lately been translated, and are published, pictures and all, by Messrs. Partridge and Co. The Chinese moralist does not warn his countrymen against strong drink, but against opium smoking. The first sketch in the Chinese version of the "Rake's Progress" represents Ah Sin taking his first pipe. He sits on a stool, and is called "a costly black wood couch," though it is brown in the picture; but that is a mere detail. The inland marble is cleverly rendered. "He tries opium for a pastime only," and does not seem to like it. In the second picture he is found out, and being under the *patria potestas*, he is scolded by his father. He kneels before the good old man, but you can see by his face that he is not really penitent. In fact, he has his eye on his child, who is making off with the opium pipe. In the third picture, alas! he has a fair companion, who, attired in red and green, plays on a stringed instrument, perhaps a cithern, possibly a clute. He next sells his real property, "all because he used the pipe for a general pastime." What can one expect of a man "who seeks the society of musicians?" The degraded wretch now smokes at home, while his wife weeps, irritated by her remonstrances, he beats her with a bamboo as long as a one-handed trout rod. Next he loses his appetite, "and this is the fashion in which a first gentility comes to be displayed." If, in fact, his wife leaves him, he lodges in a shed; he becomes an outcast. He now lives beside a luan in a very pretty mountainous country, but scenery has lost its charms. Winter comes on, and he sinks half-naked into a cave to die. "Does he now say he is merry as a lark?" Not he. The moral is that usually drawn from the contemplation of our opium trade with China.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

THE P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Decatur*, with the first English mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 24th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday morning, the 26th inst. The *Decatur* is a fine ship, and will be a most comfortable voyage.

THE *Indo-China*, N. C. Co.'s steamer *Indo-China*, with the first Indian mail, left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst., and is due here on or about the 30th.

THE P. & O. Co.'s steamer *City of Troy*, with the first American mail, left Yokohama on the morning of the 23rd inst., and may be expected here on or about the 30th.

THE O. & C. Co.'s steamer *City of Troy*, with the first American mail, left San Francisco on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 10th inst.

